



## **Guiding Principles**

During each legislative session there are always unanticipated bills introduced that affect public schools. The following are guiding principles that FSBA will use to evaluate legislation that is introduced during the legislative session.

- FSBA supports legislation that creates safe environments for students and staff.
- FSBA supports legislation, policies, and initiatives that prepare students for success in the K-12 education system.
- FSBA supports legislation that recognizes the important role of parents/families to direct their child's education.
- FSBA supports providing school districts with funds sufficient to guarantee fully funding categoricals currently in statute (i.e. transportation, instructional materials, mental health) and provide needed funds for a high quality public education.
- FSBA supports initiatives that increase fiscal and student achievement transparency for all taxpayer funded K-12 students and schools in Florida.
- FSBA supports fair and transparent statewide accountability measures that enhance student learning for all students funded with public monies.
- FSBA supports initiatives to hire and retain highly qualified employees with a competitive salary and benefits.
- FSBA supports public school choice programs that are subject to local authority and uniform accountability.
- FSBA supports fully funding all students served by the school district throughout the year.
- FSBA recognizes the constitutional authority of school board members to operate, control and supervise and supports legislation that further supports local control and decision-making for public education.
- FSBA will continue to advocate for funding for currently existing programs and services that are found in law.
- FSBA opposes any legislation that would violate federal laws or the state constitution.

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